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Dear Community Partner,

The Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) and KHPA Board are committed to improving health care for Kansans. As the governing body to coordinate a statewide health policy agenda that incorporates effective purchasing and administration with health promotion strategies, we are seeking individuals who are willing to serve in an advisory capacity to the KHPA Board and focus on issues of policy reform and health transformation.

Three advisory councils have been created by the KHPA Board to provide health policy recommendations that align with the Board's mission, vision principles, and strategic plan. Each council will be given specific direction from the Board.

- **Consumer Council.** The Consumer Council will provide guidance on issues relevant to consumers, particularly regarding health care access, quality, affordability, sustainability, and health promotion, and will provide recommendations on health policies that the Board is reviewing to reflect consumer concerns and questions. Members of this council will include individuals across Kansas who represent various consumer interests.
- **Provider Council.** The Provider Council, comprised of individuals who represent various health care professional interests, will provide guidance on issues pertinent to health care providers. They will provide significant input on health policy that impacts providers and patients, recommend outreach to the provider and the medical community, and encourage provider participation in public programs.
- **Purchaser Council.** The Purchaser Council will represent various health and health care purchaser interests. They are responsible to give significant input on health policy that impacts employers, health insurers, and other purchasers of health and health care services.

Each council will include no more than 11 to 15 members. They will begin meeting in March of 2007.

Because of this abbreviated timeframe, we are looking for individuals who are interested in serving on one of these three councils. **If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for a council membership, please send a letter of nomination and/or resume to the Kansas Health Policy Authority by January 17, 2007 at the address provided at bottom of this letter, to the attention of Megan Ingmire, Director of Communications.** Please include information about the nominee's education background and job experience, and it would be helpful if nominations include the nominee's knowledge of health and health care. Membership will be determined during the months of January and February, 2007 by the KHPA Board and staff. More information on this process will be available on the KHPA website at: www.khpa.ks.gov.

Thank you for your dedication to health care in Kansas, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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